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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. HIRAYAMA, et al

Serial No.: 09/516,162

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: SWITCHING SYSTEM AND SWITCHING CONTROL METHOD

Group: 2661

Examiner: T.H. Phan

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 18, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the third month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated February 18, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$840.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 572.38256X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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